

Rules & Regulations

International Craftsman Competition in Pottery

I. Goals:

- present and promote traditional pottery schools from the past with storylines, patterns, techniques and materials used by them;
- present the diversity of the art of pottery.

II. Terms & Conditions:

The Competition will be held from 9:30 h on 6 September (Friday) until 15:00 h on 8 September (Sunday) 2019.

- Participants will include artisans from Bulgaria and abroad who have received an invitation from the organizers.
- The selection shall be made by a Commission appointed by the Museum's director.
- **The participants shall create a mandatory object on the spot and finish another object of their own choice.**
- The mandatory object shall display a traditional pattern from the Bulgarian pottery school. It shall be selected by the members of the jury. The original will be shown to the participants. Traditional techniques shall be used in making the object.
- **For the second object the participants shall bring with them all necessary materials and/or billets.**
- The organizers shall provide equal work conditions to all participants.
- The second object shall be made or finished during the Competition. Preferably, the object should have a typical technique, pattern, material or storyline of the country where the artisan comes from. The participants in the Competition shall organize on their own and at their own expense the export of the second object from their respective country.
- The objects created and presented at the Craftsman Competition shall become property of the Museum.
- Both objects, upon the end of the Competition, will take part in an exhibition at the Museum by end-September 2019.

- Materials and expenses for the preparation and holding the Competition (transport in the territory of Bulgaria, daily allowances and accommodation) shall be provided by the organizers.

III. Jury session:

Objects created during the Competition will be evaluated on 8 September (Sunday) starting at 16:00 h by a jury of experts appointed by virtue of an ordinance of the Museum's director. The results in the Competition will be announced on 8 September (Sunday) during the Evening of the Craftsman.

IV. Prizes:

- Grand Prix – **Silver Bell**, diploma and money prize (BGN 600), as well as the right to an exhibition at Etar EOM during the year that follows;
- Special Prize of the Municipality of Gabrovo – a diploma and money prize (BGN 500);
- Special Prize of Etar EOM, Gabrovo – a diploma and money prize (BGN 400);
- Young Master Prize – a diploma and money prize (awarded only on certain occasions).
- The participants in the Competition shall organize on their own and at their own expense the paperwork and importing into Bulgaria of the second object for the Craftsman Competition.